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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Assistant Secretary Hartman

25X1 1. On 16 March I called on Mr. Hartman at the DCI's request to discuss national intelligence production. Mr. Hartman professed himself reasonably satisfied with intelligence support. It would appear that he relies on INR as his path to the Intelligence Community. He has no dealings directly with NIO's, and deals with [redacted] on operational matters only.

2. He has an impression that the initiative in producing useful intelligence assessments has declined. That is, he feels he has to ask for useful pieces of paper more often than a couple of years ago when he felt that the apparatus was more aggressive in turning these out. He agreed that this was only an impression, however, and noted himself that in the fading period of an administration the policy apparatus tends to go inactive and therefore does not give the usual stimulation to intelligence.

3. Mr. Hartman commented on three other matters not directly related to production:

-- He stressed the need for coordination in the field between chiefs of station and ambassadors. Where the ambassadors are political, as was so often the case in his area, this coordination should take place with the DCM.



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-- He expressed a concern about coordination between CIA and the FBI in counterintelligence matters. He said he thought that both existing arrangements and those called for by the new directive were inadequate. (I am not sure whether he meant E.O. 11905 or NSCID 9.) Finally, he referred to a very difficult case now at issue, which "I am still learning more about every day."

4. I told him these matters were outside my line of work but that I would carry his message back, particularly in regard to the counterintelligence matter.



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